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A Blg Seizure of Lottery Tickets.

FRANCISCO, June 17.-Detectives selzad 75,000 Little Louisiana Lottery tickets today at 109 Ross avenue. The detectives have been hunting for these tickets for a week. They say that they came from New York.

The Proposed Cable to Honolulu.

San Francisco, June 17 .- The Evening Post today says that \$1,000,000 has been subscribed for the proposed cable between Honolulu and San Francisco, and that the work of laying the cable will be commenced within eighteen months.

Severe Hail Storms in Germany.

BERLIN, June 17. - Severe hail storms prevailed to-day in many parts of Germany. While a procession was passing through the streets of a Silesian town, five paraders were struck by lightning and killed. Forty others received

A Determined Suicide.

ELLENSBURGE, W. T., June 16 .- As a Northern Pacific passenger train was rounding a curve between Ellensburgh and Yakima yesterday, a man came out from the brush and laid his head on the rail. The engineer reversed, but too late, the engine striking the man on the head, crushing the skull. He was taken to Yakima where he lingered till this morning.

Henry George in France.

Paris, June 16 .- Henry George has won a decided victory over the socialists and done much to popularize the single tax idea in France, where heretofore he had but few supporters. Various schools of continental nationalizers were represented at the conference, but the dominent idea of all was clearly in favor of a single tax. George has been made chairman of the international commit-

Forest Fires in the Cascades.

ELLENSBURGH, W. T., June 16 .- Forest fires are prevailing on the east side of the Cascade range and doing great damage to timber. The roar of the blaze can be heard for miles, and lumbermen say millions of feet will be destroyed. A strong wind is prevailing at present, and the fire is extending. Several small bridges along the line of the Northern Pacific have been destroyed, but no serious damage has yet resulted further than delayed trains.

Two Girls Butchered.

OMAHA, June 17 .- Two daughters of John Leavitt, a farmer living near Gresham, Seward county, Neb., were murdered last night. Their parents had been away, and on their return the eldest daughter, aged 18, was found dead on the floor in a pool of blood, with her throat horribly slashed. The body of the other daughter, aged 8, was lying in the yard with her throat cut from ear to ear. There is no clue to the murderers or perpetrators of the crime.

The Day at Johnstown.

JOHNSTOWN, June 17 .- The weather here was gloomy and dismal today.

Seventeen more bodies were dug from the wreckage. Among them was the body of Mrs. Annie Bates, of Racine, Wis. She was a passenger on the day express lost on the fatal day. She was buried promptly, as were all the other bodies found.

afternoon, it was decided to ask the state authorities here for lumber with cises of the great convention will be held which to build temporary business in Memorial ball, which was built by sired within a week. Many of the tem- any other hall in the world.

porary buildings will be constructed on the old public square.

One hundred portable, ready-made houses have been ordered from Chicago, capable of accommodating six persons each. They will soon be up, and furnished completely for house-keeping. If this lot proves satisfactory, the number will be increased to 1,000. A Chicago firm agrees to put them up at cost.

It is being arranged to build a lockup, when a large number of arrests, including persons of ill repute, will be made for stealing valuables from the wreckage. A general warch will be

Murder in the First Degree.

the case of the state of Oregon vs Clin- clears Judge Wickersham of the charge ton Pennington for the murder of of seduction and says that Steal Baker, Charles B. Balcom, on May 28, brought of Tacoma, held relations of criminal in a verdict of murder in the first degree intimacy with her as far back as 1885, after being out four hours.

J. L. Rand, district attorney, and G. O. Holman presented the case. A. J. Lawrence and S. R. Amlerson appeared Tacoma, whose names are not given, for the defense.

The verdict meets the approval of the

This is the first conviction for murder in the first degree in this county since

Sullivan Drunk Again.

BELFAST, N. Y., June 16 .- John L. Sullivan is on another spree. Friday night he and Muldoon had a quarrel and threats and personal violence. John L. immediately left his training quarters at Muldoon's residence, went lev and sat through the night in a chair and to clear an innocent man. on the hotel steps. He swore that he if he never met Kilrain.

Incendiarism at Corvallis

Convallis, Or., June 15 .- Last night had been no fire in it for at least two weeks. Water was turned on it from and accord. the engine but did little good.

Shortly after the fire engines had been Main street, in front of the Benton and cotton and rags saturated with coal oil were found. This raised the indignation of the citizens, and immediately a meeting was held on a street corner. It was decided to have the mayor offer \$150 reward for the arrest and conviction of any person caught in the act of incendiarism in this city. Several extra watchmen were put on the force last

The World's S. S. Convention.

NEW YORK, June 15 .- Next Wedneswill be represented.

the international system of Sunday school lessons, which are now universally used, is the chairman of the executive committee.

The steamer is expected to arrive in of a cloud burst. Liverpool June 29, and a special train will take the company to London.

On Monday evening, July'1, the dele-

On the following day the closing exer- out.

Sadie Brantner's Confession.

SEATTLE, June 17 .- The Wickersham ease developed another sensation this morning, when the attorneys for the defense filed affidayits in the district court, which will likely clear him of the criminal charge of which he was convicted at the last term of court, and those still hanging over him for

The chief affidavit is sworn to by Sadie Brantner, the prosecutrix. About ten days ago she was allowed, by her friends here, to go to Tacoma to visit her mother, on condition that she would return last Saturday, Nothing has since been heard of her until this morning, when her affidavit was pro-BAKER CITY, June 16 .- The jury in duced in court. In this paper she fully two years before she met Wickersham; also that she held like relations with several prominent merchants of although she intimates that she has told Wickersham who they are. She says that the affidavit made in the Denny block, in Seattle April 30, exculpating Wickersham, was true and made of her own free will and accord, although two days after that time she made affidavits that Wickersham had enticed her into the Denny block, and had obtained the statements from her by

In like manner she retracts every word of the testimony she gave at the to Church's hotel, got drunk and tried famous trial, and in subsequent affidato run the house. At the hotel he drove vits for the prosecution. She abuses the bartender out of the house because Mrs. Handsaker, who provided a Lome he was refused liquor. He took his po- for her here and stood by her through sition behind the bar and helped him- the trial, accuses the prosecuting officers self liberally, as well as those of his ac- of forcing her to testify against Wickerquaintances who happened to be about, sham, and closes the affidavit by saying After he got his "jag" on he turned sul- that it is made to clear her conscience

Other affidavits, sworn to by Sadie would not go back to Muldoon's house Sevier, a female detective. A. J. Sevier, a female detective. A. J. age is burning fiercely for 200 yards. Lucas, a detective, and Harry Searles, a debris was searched previous to being fired, but no bodies found. tell how Sadie Brantner met Wickersham at three several times after the about 9:30 o'clock the Sonth school trial, for the purpose of making a conbuilding, near the Southern Pacific lession, exculpating him, and how she depot, burned to the ground. There signed such statements in the Denny block on April 30, of her own free will

Wickersham's motion for a new trial in the seduction case is now pendhoused flames were seen rising from the ing, and it is likely he will get it on the rear of a China house on the east side of strength of these affidavits. If a new trial is allowed, the prosecution will County bank. It was soon extinguished doubtless drop the case, as they will see it will be useless to continue the prosecution under the circumstances, although they believe Wickersham to be guilty.

The general impression here is that Wickersham has secured control of the girl through his detectives, and induced her to make this retraction.

The Kansas Storm.

St. Louis, June 17 .- Additional advices about the disaster in Kansas from the wind and rain storm are that Unionday the Cunard steamer Bothnia will town, fifteen miles west of Fort Scott, is carry three hundred delegates from swept away, and two women and four America to the World's Sunday school children drowned. Uniontown is a convention which convenes in Memorial place of 600 inhabitants, in the midst of hall, London, July 28. Every state in a thickly settled country. It is feared the Union and the provinces of Canada | the loss of life is heavier than reported. As the wires are down for fifteen miles B. F. Jacks, of Chicago, the author of on either side nothing can be learned.

The storm struck the western part of Bourbon county late at night, coming from the west, where it played great havoc. At Augusta it assumed the form

In Fort Scott it commenced raining Sunday morning very heavily. This caused a flood, carrying away several ception at the Mansion house, London, as Belltown is entirely under water and At a meeting of the business men this given in their honor by the lord mayor. the railroads are inundated and washed

IN OTHER SECTIONS.

ies. The streams have been unusually this to over 200,000.

high all the spring, and the heavy rains Saturday night brought them out of their banks, flooding the bottoms for miles on either side.

There has been no loss of life or live stock, and those living on the lowlands were warned in time, but it is feared that hundreds of acres of wheat, which was just ripening and promised a very large yield, will be almost a total loss. while the submerged corn and other crops will be greatly damaged.

LOSS OF LIFE.

ELDORADO, Kas., June 17 .- The upper valley of the Walnut is flooded from excessive rains, and the streams are higher than for years. Saturday night the river came up so suddenly that a family named Graham started for their home to the highland, but the mother and a babe were drowned. The father and one child escaped. Crain fields are flooded and much damage must result. A portion of the Missouri Pacific track s washed away. There have been no trains in over the Santa Fe since yesterday. It is surmised that a number of people are drowned in the lower valley. The water is receding this morning.

A later rumor reports the drowning of O. Beaver and a man named Cassidy.

Sunday at Johnstown.

Johnstown, June 16 .- In the few churches remaining, services were held today, but the largest meetings of the day took place in the open air. The weather was fair and the men seemed glad to have an opportunity to turn from hard work to religion. Today the wrecked engine of the limited express was hoisted to the tracks at Conemaugh. Double tracks will be down as far as Altoona by the middle of the week. There are 3600 men at work on the Pennsylvania road tracks between Johnstown and South Fork.

Six bodies were recovered today. They were buried without identification. Tonight 150 barrels of oil were emptied on the drifts and ignited. The wreck-

Davitt Interviewed.

London, June 16 .- Michael Davitt, the Irish leader, in an interview as to his opinion on the question of the complicity of Alexander Sullivan in the murder of Dr. Cronin, said: "I have read of the arrest with the greatest astonishment. I have the highest opinion of the character of Sullivan. I think the charge that he has been implicated in any way in the assination of Dr. Cronin is absurd. I also think that the allegations that he ever misappropriated one penny of the funds of the national league are groundless. I believe him to have been the very soul of honor. So far from having enriched himself out of the tunds of the league he had to my own personal knowledge drawn on his own resources for the aid of that organi-

Heavy Storms in the East.

NEW YORK, June 15 .- Associated Press dispatches from New Jersey, Deleware, Maryland, Eastern Pennsylvania, New York state and New England, as far east as Maine, indicate extensive damage to property and some loss of life by storms, accompanied by light-

This evening in this city a Catholic church spire was struck and the cupola stripped away. Stones weighing 300 pounds were displaced.

An oil tank in Jersey City was struck by lightning and the the flames from 200,000 gallons of petroleum have been burning much of the night. No lives were lost. Another fire from the same source occurred in a lumber district, but was headed off. From all parts of the gates will be entertained at a special re- houses. The part of Fort Scott known affected territory come news of damag to crops and fruit trees.

Majority 200,000.

The election held Tuesday in Pennsylvania is the worst defeat the Prohibi-Iola, Kas., June 17.-Allen county tionists have ever met with Returns places. To the committee who waited Congregationalists, and within whose has suffered severely during the past from forty-four out of sixty-seven counon General Hastings, that gentleman walls probably more conferences of re- thirty-six hours from floods in the ties give a majority against the Prohibition amendment to the constitution of said he would supply all the lumber de- ligious bodies have been held than in Neosho river and its principal tributar- 169,452 and the full returns will swell